Intermediate Rs. 50 in 9 instalments of Rs. 5—9—0 each.

B. A. Rs. 63 in 9 instalments of Rs. 7—0—0 each.

Maharaja's College, Ernakulam till June 1937—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Admission fees	3	0	0
Library fees	2	0	0
Stationery fees	2	0	0
Sports fees	2	0	0
Cost of Calendar	0	4	0

Intermediate Rs. 42 in 8 instalments of Rs. 5—4—0 each.

B. A. Rs. 56 in 8 instalments of Rs. 7 each.

(4) Yes; the half-fee concession enjoyed by the women students in the matter of regular fees has been abolished in the case of those seeking admission to the Maharaja's College to groups for which there is provision in the St. Teresa's College in the interests of educational development and of economy.

Half-fee concession—Backward communities—particulars regarding.

56. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether poor students belonging to the backward communities are not given half-fee concession when they undergo their studies in the educational institutions in the State;

(b) whether students of backward communities selected by the Government for studies outside the State and who have to pay their tuition fees to the Government enjoy this concession;

(c) whether anyone students mentioned in (b) is enjoying the half-fee concession?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know, Sir, whether any student studying outside the State has been completely exempted from payment of fees?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—To the best of my recollection, unless it is a case of depressed class student, no such concession has been given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member inform the House why this half fee concession is not extended to students of the backward community studying in colleges outside the State?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—A limit has to be prescribed to such concessions. Government decided that it would meet the situation if the concession is confined to students studying in institutions in the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—So long as they are students sent by the Government, is it not in the fitness of things or does not justice demand that the concession is extended to them also?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is a matter of opinion. The principle of abstract justice has no place in a matter like this. A line cannot be drawn as to whom this should be extended.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—If the half fee concession is given to students inside the State and if students are sent by the Government outside the State should not they also be given the same concession?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—That is exactly what is replied to. It is a question of Government having got to meet the dues which the students have to pay to the institutions outside the State. It is not a question of not receiving the money. We shall have to satisfy the educational authorities of the other colleges by paying them whatever is due from the students. Here there is only a question of reduced receipt.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it the position of Government that they find it irksome to satisfy the authorities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No, it is burdensome.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—If it is a question of concession to members of the backward communities, especially educationally backward communities, even sacrificing

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this burden and meeting this irksomeness, is not the Government by their own commitment bound to help them consistent with the policy they are pursuing at home?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—That question has been answered. In answer to question No. 55 it is stated that Government have withdrawn the concession given to girl students as a matter of economy. To make use of this opportunity to grant fresh concessions to others does not certainly appeal.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has this concession been withdrawn in the case of ladies of backward communities?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Girls were educationally backward and hence the concession was given. It has now been withdrawn partially.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—But that has not been withdrawn in the case of girls of the backward communities. That analogy does not therefore hold good here.

Scholarships—students studying outside the State—particulars regarding.

57. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any scholarship or stipend had been granted to Cochin students studying outside during the last five years;

(b) whether any one of the scholarships or stipends in (a) was subsequently stopped; and if so, which;

(c) whether anyone of the scholarships or stipends in (a) had been increased or added to; and if so, which;

(d) what is the general principle underlying the grant of such scholarships or stipends?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The stipend of P. Ramkumar, student, Engineering College, Madras.

(c) Yes. The stipend of Miss. Malcha Lily Salem, student, Medical College, Madras.

(d) These scholarships and stipends are generally granted under Article 71, Cochin Education Code, but in some cases

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